GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:386
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WLL IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2363 dated December 17, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the capacity of 32,500 lines through WLL had been installed in Himachal Pradesh by the end of financial year March 31, 2004;

(b) if so, the extent to which waiting list has been reduced;

(c) whether the capacity of 27,500 lines through WLL has been established in the financial year 2004-05; and

(d) if so, the extent to which waiting list is likely to be reduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There was an initial plan to provide 32500 lines of WLL during 2003-04. However, only 7500 lines were actually allotted and supplied during 2003-04. These 7500 lines were installed and commissioned during 2003-04 thereby increasing the capacity of WLL to 18500 as on 31-03-2004.

(b) The telephone connections provided on WLL during 2003-04 was 1294 and from 01-04-2004 to 31-01-2005 is 3493.

(c) Additional 24750 lines of WLL have been supplied in H.P. Telecom. Circle in January, 2005. This equipment is under various stages of installation. Out of 33 BTSs, the installation work of 28 BTSs is expected to be completed by June, 2005 and remaining 5 BTSs are likely to be installed after opening of blocked roads which are at present closed due to snow fall.

(d) Additional 650 telephone connections on WLL are likely to be provided by 31-03-2005 subject to fixed wireless terminals are supplied by the vendors in time.